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Dear FDA Dockets Management Folks,

I am very concerned about the lack of regulation for genetically-engineered foods and food products and I am strongly urge that you :

1) must require regulation for these foods and food Products, starting with mandatory pre-market comprehensive environmental review. Unlike conventional pollutants, where a given amount of pollutant causes a limited amount of damage, in these foods and food products, a small number of mutant genes could have a population explosion and reproduce forever, causing unlimited and irreparable damage.

2) must require mandatory pre-market long-term health testing. Genetically-engineered products could be toxic, cause allergic responses, have lower nutritional value, and compromise immune responses in consumers.

3) must require mandatory labeling of GE products. Without mandatory labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers would be deprived of the critical knowledge needed to hold food producers liable should any of these novel products be hazardous.

4) must end the cozy relationship with the industries the FDA purports to be regulating, and serve the health needs of the people of our country. It is reported that people have been allowed to work for a biotech company, then work for the FDA writing the regulatory rules on that company's product, then go back to working for the company. Ninety-two percent of FDA advisory committee meetings have had at least one conflict of interest.

Thank you for moving forward with this proactive protection of the health of the citizens of our country. Let us not wait until people get sick and/or die before we do what we know is right and good for the health of our nation.

Sincerely, with urgency,

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